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WASHINGTON, November 28, 1983 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 19 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 9.6 percent above the corresponding period a year ago.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1983 was an estimated 739.5 billion ton-miles, 3.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 19 totaled 395,712 cars, 12.1 percent over 1982, and 1.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 16.9 percent in the East, 9.0 percent in the South and 11.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1982, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were up, with motor vehicles and equipment up 7,187 cars, or 55.4 percent; metallic ores up 5,419 cars, or 48.5 percent; and coal up 6,949 cars, or 6.5 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ıded November 12 totaled 48,596 cars, up 23.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1982, and 85,915 trailers and/or containers, 24.6 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 2,031,402 cars, 21.7 percent higher than last year, and 3,517,911 trailers and/or containers, up 19.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/19/83:

| | Loadings in Week ended November 19, 1983 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1982 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 31,252 | I | 3,788 | 13.8 | I | 1,489 | 5.0 |
| Other farm products | 3,971 | D | 1,977 | 33.2 | D | 1,038 | 20.7 |
| Metallic ores | 16,583 | I | 5,419 | 48.5 | D | 1,528 | 8.4 |
| Coal | 113,888 | I | 6,949 | 6.5 | I | 4,505 | 4.1 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 10,973 | I | 1,511 | 16.0 | D | 233 | 2.1 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 11,194 | I | 1,203 | 12.0 | D | 31 | 0.3 |
| Grain mill products | 10,519 | D | 1,301 | 11.0 | I | 162 | 1.6 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,450 | D | 2,151 | 15.8 | I | 184 | 1.6 |
| Primary forest products | 15,139 | I | 131 | 0.9 | I | 105 | 0.7 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 7,168 | I | 635 | 9.7 | D | 4 | 0.1 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 14,829 | D | 652 | 4.2 | I | 95 | 0.6 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 23,959 | I | 3,772 | 18.7 | D | 510 | 2.1 |
| Petroleum products | 4,865 | D | 98 | 2.0 | I | 179 | 3.8 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,482 | I | 1,024 | 10.8 | D | 749 | 6.7 |
| Coke | 5,419 | I | 2,113 | 63.9 | I | 353 | 7.0 |
| Metals and products | 8,902 | I | 1,931 | 27.7 | I | 576 | 6.9 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 20,168 | I | 7,187 | 55.4 | I | 425 | 2.2 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 9,621 | I | 2,030 | 26.7 | I | 267 | 2.9 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 9,825 | I | 2,148 | 28.0 | D | 258 | 2.6 |
| All other carloads | 55,235 | I | 9,979 | 22.1 | I | 512 | 0.9 |
| LCL traffic | 270 | D | 793 | 74.6 | I | 9 | 3.4 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 395,712 | I | 42,848 | 12.1 | I | 4,510 | 1.2 |

Corresponding week of 1982 352,864

| | 1983 | 1982 | % Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks) | 16,791,466 | 16,716,319 | I | 0.4 |

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45 weeks ended November 12 | 722.0 | 699.6 | I | 3.2 |
| Week ended November 19 | 17.5 | 16.0 | I | 9.6 |
| 46 weeks cumulative | 739.5 | 715.6 | I | 3.3 |

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